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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Andrew Lee

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-27, 31 and 32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 14-18, 21-27, 31 and 32 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ayanoglu et al U.S. Patent Number 6,122,759 in view of Li et al U.S. Patent Number 5,940,415 and Freeburg et al U.S. Patent Number 6,128,287.

Re Claim 19, Ayanoglu et al teaches an encapsulation of FEC/CRC into the ATM cell (See protocol stack of Fig. 7). Ayanoglu fails to explicitly teach that the payload is without error correction bits and header has error correction bits. Li et al teaches an ATM cell (a packet) having a payload and a header address 120 wherein when the payload is carrying error tolerant voice traffic, the payload portion 104 does not require FEC but also suggest that there will some need some protection of the ATM cell header information in order to reduce misrouting of the cells (See col. 2, lines 26-60). By combining Ayanoglu et al into Li et al, the ATM cell can be modified to CRC the header (identifying a received packet having a bit error; determining whether....occurring within said packet header) and correcting the error by FEC. Hence, one skilled in the art would have been motivated to combine the teaching to reduce misrouting of cells with error tolerant payloads. Ayanoglu and Li et al fail to explicitly teach that the ATM cell includes a sequence number. However, Freeburg et al teaches a cell format that

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includes a sequence number. Since both Ayanogln and Li et al are wireless system and both support handoff, one skilled in the art would have been motivated Freeburg et al to include sequence number into the ATM cell to cell synchronization during handoff. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skilled to combine the teaching of Ayanogln et al and Li et al and Freeburg et al.

Re Claim 20, refer to Claim 19, by combining the Ayanogln et al and Li et al, the CRC can determine whether error has occur in the header or not, hence marking of the received packet is inherently implied to initiate FEC correction or not.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 19 and 20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 14-18, 21-27, 31-32 are allowed.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-3130. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30AM to 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Ngo can be reached on 571-272-3139. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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